

On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **MCC and MDS** updates.
- ★ **Worship Planning Resourcing** with Marlene Kropf, AMBS professor, Jan. 21, Faith Mennonite.
- ★ **Offender/Victim Ministries** M-2 orientation Feb. 7
- ★ **Job Opening:** Mennonite Mission Network. Personnel counselor and recruiter for International ministries
- ★ **Camp Mennoscah:** Information and job opportunity.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

January 9, 2010

Offering = \$ 5,746.80	Attendance = 174
Adult S.S. = \$ 224.00	Attendance = 99
Jr. S.S. = \$ 11.56	Attendance = 18

Peace overcomes the Dark:

"Goodness is stronger than evil;
Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness;
Victory is ours through him who loves us."

-Archbishop Desmond Tutu



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Come



and See!



**As God's children and the body of Christ,
we are called by God to offer hospitality,
healing and hope in the name of Christ.**

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Evangelism Says: Come and See!

Gathering

PRELUDE Marcene Entz

INVITATION No. 20
"Come and see"

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Warren Schmidt

Leader: Come and See what the Lord is doing today, in our lives,
in our community, and in the world.

**People: With our voices, we will testify of God's good news that
is for everyone, everywhere.**

Leader: Come and See where the Lord is staying, in new places,
in surprising places, in transforming places within our lives
and the world.

**All: *May the LORD'S Gospel Message be proclaimed from
our mouths and by our lives.***

PRAYER

Praising God

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 100
"Praise him, praise him!"

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP

You are welcome to fill out the friendship brochure and place it in the offering bag.

CHILDREN'S STORY Corey Miller

SPECIAL MUSIC Sisters Forever
"King of Kings Adored"

Are you looking for opportunities to practice your hospitality skills?

We need two more funeral ushers and two more special greeters. If you are willing to serve in this way, contact Jude Krehbiel, chairperson for the Worship-Fellowship Committee.

Western District Conference Choral Festival: January 22, 6:30 pm at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. All singers are welcome even if you do not belong to a choir. Directed by Dr. Mark Suderman, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Bluffton (OH) University. Schedule: 2-5 p.m. . choral rehearsal, 5-6:15 p.m. - light meal (make reservation by Jan. 15 at wdc@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300, suggested donation \$5), 6:30 p.m. . worship service . All are welcome.

The 2011 annual meeting of Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service will be held TODAY at 2:30 p.m. at Bethel Mennonite Church, one and one-half miles south of Inman. Rosina Felipe from Grand Bayou, Louisiana will be the featured speaker. She will talk about the challenges of hurricanes and oil spills in the gulf area.

Mennonite Central Committee:

>Volunteers are needed on a regular basis in the MCC Central States Warehouse in North Newton. Various tasks include recycling clothing, baling blankets, general clean-up and in the summer mowing the grass. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time when the MCC center is open, Monday-Thursday 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm, or if you have questions please contact Maynard Knepp at 316-283-2720 or mknep@bcc.org.

>You're invited to a special presentation at Hesston Mennonite Church on Sunday, January 23 at 7:00pm. Come to learn about MCC's ongoing response to the Jan. 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti. MCC has been humbled by the overwhelming response from our constituents to the people of Haiti. MCC's Haiti earthquake response is funded for a 5 year response at over \$13 million. John Stoesz, Executive Director for MCC Central States will present stories and photos of MCC's immediate relief distribution, our Haitian partners and the long-term plans for MCC's work in Haiti.

AGAPE Senior Center:

>Annual Meeting, Wednesday, January 19 after lunch at 12:30pm. We invite everyone to attend this important meeting. Also Needed: volunteers to help with meals, substitute cook, and more meals served. Eat at the center, pick up and take meals home or if you are physically unable to come, call for Meals on Wheels delivery. Your support is needed as there are people who depend on us for their noon meal. Please call 367-2275 and make a reservation for lunch and attend the annual meeting.

>Potluck meal at the AGAPE Senior Center, Goessel, Jan 21, 6pm. Program following by the Woelk Brothers and Sisters.

Prayer requests continued

- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: *Mennonite higher education institutions.* Pray for the Martin Luther King, Jr. events happening this week including: Bethel College campus and community marking the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday with a special celebration on Monday. Bluffton University as they welcome author and activist John Perkins, speaker at the Martin Luther King, Jr. forum on Tuesday. Goshen College classes are cancelled on Monday so that students and community members can participate in campus activities to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Social justice activist Rosina Phillipe is the guest speaker at Hesston College this week in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Fund Raising Meal:

The junior highers want to know Jesus more, and they are willing to prepare a meal to help them do just that! 10 junior highers (and two sponsors) are planning on attending a faith forming event at Hesston College called %know Jesus+where they will hear inspirational speakers, worship God with 200 junior highers, and play the infamous %Anabaptist Adventure+game where they will remember how the early Anabaptists radically followed Jesus.



In order to pay for the registration fees for this event, the Junior Highers are willing to cook and host the meal THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT, January 19, from 5:45pm . 6:30pm. We hope you plan on coming and supporting us in this fundraising event because its just too cold to have a car wash now!

Announcements

Fellowship Meals: Help support the MCC Relief Sale and in turn support the work of Mennonite Central Committee by participating in the 2011 Fellowship Meals scheduled for February 27 and March 6 as guests and/or hosts. Please return the registration found in your church mailbox to Jerry and Leann Toews or Archie and Kristin Schmidt by January 31.

Hearing God's Word

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT *Psalm 40:1-11* Jude Krehbiel

SONG "I love you Lord" No. 83CS

*HEARING THE GOSPEL *John 1:35-42*

SERMON "Come and See" Corey Miller

Responding

SONG "Breathe on me, breath of God" No. 356

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Karen Andres

*HYMN OF HOPE "I love to tell the story" No. 398

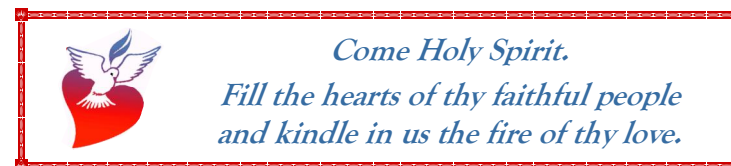
*SENDING from I Corinthians 1

POSTLUDE

Today

Jesus' words to John's disciples are timeless and profound. "Come and See" is an invitation that is relational, curious, playful, and creative. If we can offer the same kind of invitation to worship, or to the life of the church for those who don't know Christ, then we will have captured part of Jesus' evangelism technique. How can we share the gospel more readily to those around us? Come and See!

We are so glad you that you are here with us to worship. This morning you were greeted by Rod and Ilona Abrahams and Ron and Patsy Dirksen. *Please note the friendship cards in the songbook holders and fill one out if you have requests or if you are a visitor and place it in the offering bag.*



Childcare is provided by Carrie Friesen in the nursery during the worship service.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday school for everyone.

The 8 week *Naked Anabaptist* book study continues today in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour. We have extra books on hand so feel free to come!

On the table in the foyer are **Prayer Request Cards**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

Noon: Following the Sunday school hour, all are invited to a potluck meal and grocery shower for Jake and Stephanie Unruh. This is a way that we nurture our young adults and foster community.

2:30 p.m.: Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's annual meeting. A presentation on the historic Alta Mill will be a feature at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Brian Stucky, a descendant of one of the mill's owners, will give the presentation. Four pieces of mill machinery are part of the permanent display in the museum's Turkey Red Wheat Palace. The business part of the meeting will precede Stucky's presentation. *Faspa* will be served following the meeting. Interested persons are invited to attend.

This Week

Wednesday, January 19

9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.—Willing Helpers will start out the new year with a project day. Please bring a foil wrapped potato with your name on it. Think about "in what ways do you see God's image". Installation of officers will also take place.

Full Wednesday night programming

Wednesday Evenings at Tabor

5:45-6:30 - Supper for all. **Sign up for meal. Bring your own table service.**

Junior High Fundraiser Meal: See Announcement for details.

6:30-7:15 - Children of Light, Faith Friends, Adult Bible Study, Worship Team

7:00-8:00 - TMYF

7:15-8:00 - Cross Road, Faithful Fitness

7:15-8:15 - Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers

8:00-9:00 - Adult Choir



Saturday, January 22

6:30 p.m.—Goessel Area Wide Jr. High Movie Night at the Goessel Mennonite Church. Please bring \$3 to cover the cost of supper and bring your favorite cookies for dessert.

Next Sunday, January 23

9:30 a.m.—Worship: Next Sunday will be a very special worship time as the focus of the morning will be **Celebrating our Threads.** We will see creative reports on the ministries that God has blessed us with last year, and hear thoughts from Tabor people who were interviewed about Tabor's vision and mission. The text that will be woven into the morning is from Luke 5:33-38.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday school for everyone.

Noon—Please plan to join the Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship for a noon fundraiser meal on January 23. Donations raised from this meal will help fund the youth mission trip this summer.

Prayer Requests

Happenings:

- ★ The Kansas Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale committees had their meeting at Tabor on Thursday night. A lot of people are very excited for yet another great MCC sale event this year!
- ★ Last weekend, the Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA did make the decision to go ahead and meet in Phoenix in 2013. This decision was a difficult one in light of Arizona's recently passed law that could lead to racial profiling of undocumented immigrants. Some Hispanic churches in Mennonite Church USA do not feel safe in Arizona and that is why the decision was a delicate one, though it was bathed in prayer and in conversations.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ The relationships between the Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA and those who are opposed to the decision to have conference in Arizona. Pray for understanding, respect and healing.
- ★ Western District Conference: Thank God for pastors and their work in Christian formation in our churches. Thank God for persons who plan and lead us in worship Sunday after Sunday. Pray for the upcoming Pastors Resourcing Day with Marlene Kropf on Jan. 21 in these two areas of congregational life.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for an end to the persecution of Christians in Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Mary Raber of MMN, who teaches in theological seminaries in the Ukraine, asks that God would give the brothers and sisters there the courage to be faithful.